

## House Resolution No. 2791

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to recognize the meritorious endeavors of outstanding Show-Me State employees, a task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

**Whereas**, Patricia Lee Stroud Gifford of Jefferson City, Missouri, will retire from her position as Excise Tax Manager with the Missouri Department of Revenue, Division of Taxation and Collection, Business Tax, on May 31, 2004, after a nearly twenty-four-year career in state government; and

**Whereas**, during her impressive tenure, Patricia Gifford has also served the Department of Revenue as a Miscellaneous Taxes Manager, Sales Tax Manager, Legislative Liaison, Administrative Assistant to the Taxation Division Director, Technical Support Supervisor, and Internal Auditor; and

**Whereas**, prior to assuming her responsibilities with the Department of Revenue, Patricia Gifford worked at the St. Louis Institute of Music, Southeast Missouri State University, the Broderick and Bascom Wire Rope Company in St. Louis, Monsanto Chemical Company in St. Louis, and the Missouri Hospital Association in Jefferson City; and

**Whereas**, Patricia Gifford has also enjoyed recognition by being the owner of Pasqualli's Custom Designed Bead Jewelry; serving two terms as Regional Governor of the Federation of Tax Administrators Tobacco Tax Section, for which she also served as Central and Regional Secretary; and being recently elected as Vice President of the American Business Women's Association's Sterling Chapter, where she filled a two-year term as Treasurer; and

**Whereas**, Patricia Gifford has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Jim Gifford; her children and their spouses, Jim and Denise Brentlinger, Jamie and Jeff Burnett, Jimmy and Elissa Gifford, and Larinda Gifford and her partner, Stephen Hevenor; nine grandchildren, Thomas Brentlinger, Benjamin Brentlinger, Courtney Brentlinger, Savanna Gifford, Kyle Burnett, Alex Burnett, Dakota Gifford, Hudson Gifford, and Jacob Brentlinger; and her mother, Mary R. Stroud:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing deep gratitude for the superb service that Patricia Gifford has rendered to the Show-Me State during the past twenty-three years and ten months and in wishing her ample opportunity to enjoy the better things life has to offer; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Patricia Lee Stroud Gifford, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bill Deeken  
District No. 114

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2791, adopted May 6, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker